

ABSTRACT

Systems and methods employ a guide  
element that carries a region of energy emitting  
material. The systems and methods electronically  
5 couple the region to a source of energy that, when  
emitted by the region, ablates tissue. The  
systems and methods are responsive to user  
commands for changing the physical characteristics  
of the lesions being created by electronically  
10 altering the energy emitting characteristics of  
the region itself.